

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MACHAKOS**  
**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

The House met at 10.38 a.m.

*[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Kiusya) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**PAPER LAID**

THANKS OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE EXPOSITION OF  
PUBLIC POLICY CONTAINED IN THE ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR

**Hon. Speaker:** May I call upon Hon. Nicholas Nzioka to proceed and lay the Paper. Majority Leader please?

**Member for Machakos Central (Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, WDM-K):** Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 20(4), I wish to lay the following Paper on the table of the Assembly today, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022; the Governor's address as delivered on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

*(The Paper was laid on the Table)*

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

THANKS OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE EXPOSITION OF  
PUBLIC POLICY CONTAINED IN THE ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR

**Hon. Speaker:** There are three notices of motion by Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, the Majority Leader. Hon. Nicholas Nzioka proceed and give the notices of motions.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K):**

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Standing Order 17(1) provides that the Governor shall address the opening of each newly elected Assembly;

Aware that, H.E the Governor, Hon. Wavinya Ndeti addressed the Assembly on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022;

Noting that the Governor's address outlined the road map which the Machakos County should take to realize high economic growth;

Aware that Standing Order 20(4) provides that whenever the Governor delivers an address, a Member may as soon as practicable thereafter, lay the Address on the Table of the Assembly following the reading of such Address;

Further aware that Standing Order 20(5) requires that debate on the Governor's Speech should not exceed four sitting days;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion THAT pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 20(5), the thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the Governor delivered on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

#### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the House Business Committee is established under the provisions of Standing Order 151(1) whose composition consists of the Speaker who shall be the Chairperson, the Deputy Speaker, the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and not less than nine and not more than eleven other members, who shall be nominated by Assembly parties and approved by the House at the commencement of every Session;

Aware that the House Business Committee Membership should reflect the relative majorities of seats held by each of the Assembly parties in the Assembly and further aware that the nominations should take into consideration the interests of independents;

Further aware that Assembly parties have nominated members to serve in the House Business Committee;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion THAT pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151(1)(e), this Assembly approves the appointment of the following Members to the House Business Committee in addition to those specified under Standing Order 151(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d):

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2. Hon. Rosina Wambua
3. Hon. Benjamin Kinyungu
4. Hon. Dominic Maitha
5. Hon. Joshua Mwonga
6. Hon. Caroline Mutuku
7. Hon. Mercy Njagi
8. Hon. Dickson Maundu
9. Hon. Joseph Mulinge
10. Hon. Boniface Katiti
11. Hon. Paul Wambua

#### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON SELECTION

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Committee on Selection is established under Standing Order 152(1) whose composition consists of the Leader of the Majority Party who shall be the chairperson, the Leader of the Minority Party and not less than seven and not more than eleven other members, who shall be nominated by Assembly parties and approved by the House;

Aware that the Committee should be appointed within ten days on Assembly of a new House;

Noting that the Committee is crucial in nominating members to serve in various Committee excluding the membership of House Business Committee and

Committee on Appointments and further aware that Assembly parties have nominated members to serve in the Selection Committee;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion THAT pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 152(1) this Assembly approves the appointment of the following Members to the Committee on Selection in addition to those specified under Standing Order 152(1):

1. Hon. Catherine Kyee
2. Hon. Catherine Muia
3. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi
4. Hon. Charles Mbuva
5. Hon. Felix Ngui
6. Hon. Margaret Ndalana
7. Hon. Douglas Musyoka
8. Hon. Paul Mwanzia
9. Hon. Philip Ndolo
10. Hon. Justus Mutuku
11. Hon. Phoebe Koki

### **MOTIONS**

#### **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, proceed and move the motion.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka** (Machakos Central, WDM-K):

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I now call upon the Minority Leader to second my motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** May I call upon the Leader of Minority Party to second the motion.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC) seconded.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

I now invite the Members to debate this motion. You may comment Mheshimiwa Ndawa, Minority Leader.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, before I make my comment before the House, I will take this opportunity to congratulate the Members of the Third County Assembly of Machakos for having been elected to this Lancaster House of Machakos County (??) and also take this opportunity to thank the Minority side for bestowing their trust on me as their Minority Leader. I do not take it for granted and I must say thank you.

*(Applause)*

Coming back to the motion before the House Madam Speaker, the House Business committee is the engine which drives the Assembly and without the business committee in place is just like having a motor vehicle which has got no engine. So if we delay in enduring that we have House Business committee in the House then that means we are creating a very big lacuna which will deny the Assembly the ability to perform and execute its mandate as provided for in the Constitution. Madam Speaker, I am in support of the motion which has been tabled by our most able Majority Leader for us to discuss.

Madam Speaker, looking at the composition of the House Business Committee, I want to confirm to this House that the committee is well-balanced. We have members from the Majority side, Minority side and we have Members from other small parties in the Assembly including the Independent Members. So, Madam Speaker, I want to request my colleagues here to approve the motion so that we can be able to move to the next step because without that the House Business Committee in place, we are just here but we cannot move because House Business Committee is the one which ballots business for this House.

There is no business which can be discussed in the House unless it has gone through the House Business Committee for approval. So, kindly Hon. Members, it is my humble application that we all agree with the report so that we can move forward. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa. Any other Mheshimiwa who wants to comment on this? Mheshimiwa Mwonga,

**Member for Masinga Central** (Hon. Joshua Mwonga, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. First and foremost, I want to thank the Almighty God for allowing me to be in this House for a third time. Madam Speaker, I also want to thank the good and great people of Masinga Central Ward, that is Masinga *ya Kati*, if allowed to say so for giving me a second chance to serve them as their MCA. I also want to congratulate you, Madam Speaker, for having been elected as the third Speaker of this great House, that is County Assembly of Machakos.

Allow me also to thank the new leadership of this House that is the Leader of Majority, the Minority Leader, their deputies and their Whips. I also want to thank the Wiper Party for giving me a chance to sit in this important committee which sits and plans for the business of this House. Thank you so much members of Wiper Party; that is where I belong. Madam Speaker, I do not have much to say but echoing words of the Leader of Minority, this is a business which should not take long debating on. Members, this House cannot move, cannot transact business if we are not going to approve the composition of this important committee. I do support the composition. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa. There was a hand here, please proceed,

**Hon. Vincent Mutie** (Upper Kaewa/Iveti, WDM-K): I must unite with my colleagues in observing the importance of this House Committee. My brother the Minority Leader has given us an analogue about a vehicle and the engine part of it. Nevertheless, with that in mind, we appreciate that the team is well-balanced; we have representatives from both gender, I must say, so people who came up with this list they must have been wise and sensitive to the fact that we need a balanced approach to all things and matters legislation, we must have a balanced approach.

Therefore, I stand here to echo those words and to support this committee for it to give us business of the House so that we may move forward with that which we came to do in this Assembly. I support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa. Mheshimiwa Katangi 01,

**Member for Katangi** (Hon. Felix Ngui, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to take this opportunity first to thank the Almighty God for giving us an opportunity to serve in the Third Assembly of Machakos. Secondly, I would want to congratulate you for managing to be the Third Assembly Speaker of Machakos and then I also want to thank my people of Katangi who send me here to represent them for the second time. I also want to congratulate the House Leadership that was elected; the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, Minority and Majority Whips.

On the motion, Madam Speaker, I wish to state that as Mheshimiwa Minority Leader has said, the House Business Committee is the engine of the House and without it, we cannot be able to transact our business and in that regard, when I look at the composition of the members, they are great men and women who have been selected to sit in this committee noting the ranking members who are in the committee, Hon. Joshua Mwonga and Hon. Dominic Maitha who I think would be of great help because they are experienced and they were here in the First Assembly for generating business for this County Assembly of Machakos. So in that regard, I would wish to support that we approve this motion so that we can get our House moving. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa. Mheshimiwa Ndalana, please proceed

**Nominated Member** (Hon. Margaret Ndalana, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank God for this morning. My prayer is we be together, we work together and let the will of God be done in this Assembly and the Governor's Office. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa Ndalana. Let me give chance to Mheshimiwa Kavyu to comment and I come to Mheshimiwa Dee.

**Member for Kinanie** (Hon. Francis Kavyu, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would also want to thank the people of Kinanie for giving me an opportunity to represent them in the Third Assembly and I would also like to note that the Members that have been selected to serve on the House Business Committee also meet the issue of regional balance because we have members across the entire Machakos County represented in the committee and on that note, I wish to support the motion so that we can recover the time that was lost so that we can begin the journey of serving the people of Machakos. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kavyu. Mheshimiwa Dee proceed

**Nominated Member** (Hon. Mutisya Kivuva, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do not want to be left behind; I want to thank the great people of Wiper, for nominating me to be Deputy Majority Whip which I promised to serve diligently. I want also to congratulate the Speaker on your election and I know you are equal to the task. I want also to thank God for healing the only warrior in this House the Hon. Kaloi who is amongst us. I am saying he is the only warrior because he has gone through initiation as a Maasai Warrior to become a man. So we thank God for Hon. Kaloi and we wish you well.

**Hon. Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Dee, I understand we cannot all hear you. Try to use another microphone.

**Hon. Mutisya Kivuva** (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do not want to speak what I have said but the last one I said was, to thank God for healing Mheshimiwa Kaloi, whom I visited and I found him in great pain. We are with him today and we thank God for him. I want also to echo the words of our Minority Leader who said that the said committee is the engine of this House. I want to be among the first to put oil in that engine so that it can start rolling. I stand supporting. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Mheshimiwa Dee and I can in that order, I start with Hon. Anastasia. Is that so. Okay, you will be next. Yes proceed.

**Nominated Member** (Hon. Anastasia Nundu, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for that opportunity. I want to thank God for this opportunity of serving the Third Assembly and I also thank my party Wiper for seeing me fit and capable to serve the great people of Machakos County and representing them here. I thank all the members of my party who saw me fit to be in the House Business Committee; I promise to do my best and it is well-balanced so, I support it.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Anna Ndilo, please proceed

**Nominated Member** (Hon. Annabel Ndilo, UDA): I want to thank, Madam Speaker, and all the Hon. Members present today. I also want to thank my party leader H.E. the President of the Republic of Kenya William Samoei Ruto for giving me a chance to represent the people of Machakos in the par see (??) from Masinga. As par see (??) I also want to thank the House and the leadership who nominated the members that are listed before as and below us today.

I want to support this motion as par see (??) to say that I have seen the fellow nominees the likes of Anastasia Mutevu, Rosina Wambua, Mercy Njagi who are my fellow nominees in this House and this shows you are going to give us equal chance to serve the people of Machakos equally with the elected leaders. So I support this motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa. Mheshimiwa Don.

**Hon. Paul Wambua** (Kibauni, PTP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. The people of Kibauni call me the Don and I will start by first of all being very thankful to them for giving me an opportunity to serve in this Third House. Looking at the names proposed for this House Business Committee, I would say that I find it very well-balanced in terms of different experiences and competencies and experience without saying much, I would support and request that that we move to the next motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa. I suggest we just stick to the motion. Mheshimiwa Muoki, then after that Mheshimiwa Kaloi.

**Member for Ndithini** (Hon. Muoki Musila, WDM-K): I would start by thanking my people of diaspora, ward of Ndithini and I say thank you to them. I congratulate my colleagues here for having been chosen to come and represent the various areas they originate from. Looking at the list that is before us, one thing that got my eye is the balancing of the gender; out of the ten we have four who are ladies which I say thank you to the people who gave the names.

Now that our Minority Leader has told us this is the engine of the business of the House, I would wish we just put in the key and move on if the engine is working. I wish to support the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa Muoki. Mheshimiwa Kaloi, proceed.

**Member for Athi River** (Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, the House at large and the leadership. Mine is first and foremost to thank the people of great Athi River Township for seeing the opportunity to elect me as a Member of the County Assembly. Secondly, I thank God as my great friend said that---

**Hon. Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Kaloi, your microphone is off; put it on. You can use the next one.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi** (Athi River, WDM-K): I was saying that I also thank the House and the team for prayers as yesterday I was not feeling well but now I am okay and coming to the

motion, what I suggest is that the unity that was shown when coming up with the list, it is my desire that we embrace the unity as we go forward. So, I stand to support the motion, God bless you. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Mheshimiwa. Mheshimiwa Bhati.

**Member for Kyeleni ward** (Hon. Grace Bahati, IND): Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. My name is Grace Bahati, representing Kyeleni Ward in Matungulu constituency and also known as Zora in the community.

I want to say thank you the House first for considering gender balance in the coming up of the list and secondly, I would like to thank you for considering the minorities of the minority. Being elected as an independent candidate and seeing some of the people elected in a single party being part of the HBC and the Committee on Selection. I would like to commend every single Member who participated in it. In line with that, I would also like to support the motion and looking forward to being able to serve the people of Machakos and deliver to them as we promised. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Mheshimiwa Grace. Mheshimiwa Katiti.

**Member for Muthetheni** (Boniface Katiti, UDA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to thank the people of Muthetheni for electing me and seeing it fit I should serve them in this Assembly. I also want to congratulate the Leadership led by our able Majority Leader and the Minority Leader and say that the composition is well-documented, it has competent people and I wish we shall serve the people in this Assembly with all the diligence that is required. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Finally, Mheshimiwa Lucky.

**Member for Matungulu West** (Hon. Lucky Nzau, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for catching my eye. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Almighty God for blessing us with a lot of Grace in the whole country. Seeing us go through the transition into a new government peacefully without a lot of bloodshed. For your information, Madam Speaker, it is noted that we only lost seven lives and in the other election we lost 90. So it is quite an improvement because we will see that in the next election we will lose no life.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank my people of Matungulu West who blessed me to be in this House having tried twice and thank them for having voted a good government of Machakos County; the very well-known Machakos Girls where we are blessed with our First Lady Governor Governor Wavinya, remarkably from Wiper party, a lady Speaker, Hon. Kiusya from Wiper party, a woman representative, Hon. Kamene Kasimbi, Wiper party and our Senator Kavindu also Wiper party.

I want to say to Hon. Members, as the song goes, consider Wiper party. Madam Speaker, when you look at the composition of the Committee, the said engine committee it is quite in order and well-represented. So I support. Thank you, Madam Speaker.



**Hon. Speaker:** Members, I feel the motion is supported. So that we do not take a lot of time on one item and we have other items and that is not to mean the people who are raising their hands I have rejected you. I just feel that we should move. Do we have a consensus to that?

**Hon. Members:** Yes.

**Hon. Speaker:** Straight away, I want to call the mover of the motion to reply.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka** (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I would wish to thank all Members present for genuinely supporting the motion and if this is the spirit we are going to support the motion, then we are good to go. Thank you, very much.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Applause)*

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS  
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**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Majority Leader.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka** (Machakos Central, WDM-K):

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I request the Hon. Majority Whip to second the motion.

**Hon. Lucky Nzau** (Matungulu West, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, I stand to second.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

I now invite Members to debate the motion. I want to give the first opportunity to Mheshimiwa Helen Ndeti.

**Nominated Member** (Helen Ndeti, WDM-K): Thank you. Madam Speaker. I stand here first of all to congratulate the Members who have been called upon to serve in this very important committee. I have looked at the composition and I am happy because it has cut across the board. All various parties and the Independent have been considered. What I would urge you to do is that when you sit to come up with the listing of all the other Membership, be fair as possible and make sure every Member of this House serves in a committee.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa. Mheshimiwa Ndawa. I will get used; do not worry.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to welcome one of my electorate, Mr. Senga who is a teacher in my ward and who has decided to come and see what happens in this Lancaster House. Madam Speaker, before I talk on the motion before the House, I wish to request that you determine on the issue of the Whips in this noble committee. Standing Order 152 which establishes this committee is silent on the issue of Whips from the Majority and Minority side. So we are requesting your indulgence to make a determination on that matter.

Secondly, I am supporting the motion and the reason is, this is a committee which will place Members in other committees and without this committee, if we approve the HBC it means the Assembly has only one committee and the work of the HBC is to ballot business for committee. So the HBC will not get business because there are no other committees. So I am requesting my colleagues and making a special application; again without this committee it's like saying you want to go to heaven and yet you are not in good terms with God.

You may not find the way to heaven. So to get to heaven, let us get this committee in place so that we can move with speed to ensure the other motion about discussing the speech of the Governor get the blessings of the HBC and also to allow balloting of business from other committees.

So, I am requesting my dear colleagues, this is an assignment we have been given by the electorates and Madam Speaker, it is very clear guided by Article 1 of the Constitution, that the spirit of the nation lies with wananchi and he can exercise that power directly or indirectly. Madam Speaker, the Members here are just agents of the electorates because that power given to wananchi was transferred on 9th August, 2022 to this Hon. Members.

So, I am requesting my colleagues that we do not let our people down by delaying to approve this Selection Committee confirms that we are not moving with the right speed and I am requesting we all support the motion and approve the names that have been fronted here. I have gone through them and I want to confirm justice has been done to all interested parties including the Independent MCAs. I support the motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much and before I call the next Member to speak, I want to comment on that issue of the Whips that the Minority Leader has brought up. Since there is no inclusion for the provision for the Whips, I suggest we just proceed with the motion the way it is for now. Is that okay?

**Hon. Joshua Mwonga** (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. On the issue that you have just ruled on, I want to say the matter which has been raised by the Minority Leader is a pertinent issue and talking out of experience, Madam Speaker, for the Committee on Selection Committee to sit without the Whips, it will be a tall order. Yes the Standing Order 152(1) does not say they should sit in that Committee but I am saying talking out of experience, as the first Leader of Majority in the First County of Machakos Assembly, Madam Speaker, we used to do invitations.

We used to invite them so that we can lessen the work of the Leader of Majority and the Leader of Minority. Why? Madam Speaker, look at the scenario where the Majority Leader will come carrying a list of the Members of his Party while he has a secretary; in a way the Whip is a secretary of the Majority Leader. So you can give leave, Madam Speaker, they be invited. so that they come as invitees to that Committee. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I just want to follow strictly the Standing Orders as they are and I do not want to get out of the law. I will be setting a very bad precedent to go outside the law at the moment.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC): Point of information, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes proceed.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to inform the Chair and the Hon. Speaker that Standing Order 1 gives the Speaker power to do what is not even captured even in the Standing Orders. So if you say we include them you will have committed no offence. So, Madam Speaker, I am humbly requesting that we have the Whips on board. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** I just want to bring this matter to a settlement that if you want to include the Whip into this Committee, then we need to proceed and amend the Standing Orders but that is not today.

**Member for Masii** (Hon. Douglas Musyoka, MCCP): Point of order.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes Mheshimiwa.

**Member for Masii** (Hon. Douglas Musyoka, MCCP): Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. In this House, you are the symbol of law and whatever you say is a law by itself and therefore---

**Hon. Joshua Mwonga** (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, can the Member tell us he is standing on which Standing Order. He has just risen up and said on a Standing Order; which Standing Order, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Douglas Musyoka** (Masii, MCCP): Madam Speaker, to Hon. Mwonga that was a point of information and I did not say point of order. Thank you so much.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I have already ruled on this matter. We cannot continue discussing it.

*(Applause)*

Mheshimiwa Kalama, I am forgetting the name but you excuse me for that.

**Member Kalama** (Hon. (Eng.) Maeke Musyimi): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for this opportunity. I want to thank God for the Members who are present in this House and I am standing to do my contribution on the Motion of the approval of the Selection Committee and as it has been explained by the Members who have spoken before, by look of things, these Members who have being appointed here, the team is well-constituted.

It is a team that is cutting across and I believe there is a criterion that is usually followed by parties and I want to stand and also thank the Wiper party for donating one of their chances to.....if I may call ourselves the Minority of the Minorities but they usually promise us and they have kept their word. If I borrow from the good book, the Bible, a House which is united, God commands blessings and if we stand with that I believe we shall move forward.

If I may comment on the issue of the Whips even though you have already made your ruling, I believe in the team and this Committee is well so I stand to support the Motion that we adopt this Selection team. My prayer to the Selection team is that the same way you have shown yourself impartiality in giving all these chances, let it be so when even appointing the Members of the Chairs and the deputy Chairs and everything in this team. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Mheshimiwa. Mheshimiwa Ndalani.

**Member for Ndalani** (Hon. Francis Kitaka, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Ndwiki, you will be the next.

**Member for Ndalani** (Hon. Francis Kitaka, WDM-K): First and importantly, I would like to thank God for giving me this opportunity to serve in this Third Assembly of Machakos County. Secondly, I want to appreciate the good people of Ndalani for making me their leader by voting for me. Looking at this list, I want to say that before the list was arrived at, all the Members and the people of respective parties including the Independents were all involved---

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Point of information.

**Hon. Speaker:** Minority Leader.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to inform my good friend Hon. Kitaka who happens to be my neighbor that we do not have people in this House we have Hon. Members.

Hon. Francis Kitaka (Ndalani, WDM-K): Point noted. Hon. Members, during our consultations on arrival on this list, all the Hon. Members expressed several interests and I am very sure that they were concerned and interests were also met. Looking at this list, it comprises of men and women of integrity who happen to be Hon. Members here and I would suggest that when the approval is done, each and every Member in this Selection Committee should not be under influence in placing Hon. Members in other respective Committees because we know there are Hon. Members who are also soliciting for these positions and we seek and request for impartiality in doing this so that we may have balance.

Let each and every Hon. Member be considered in every respective Committee so that we do not have Hon. Members who feel that their rights have been infringed on or maybe they have not been listened to. I support the list and I wish the Hon. Members who are selected here and who will be representing us all the best and I support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa. Mheshimiwa Ndwiki.

**Member Syokimau Mlolongo** (Hon. Daniel Ndwiki, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. First and foremost, I want to thank the people of Mlolongo/Syokimau for giving me the opportunity to represent them in the matters touching their lives. As pertains to this Motion, I stand to support because when I see at the list I can see regional balance, I can see gender factor being considered. I just urge Members of the Committee to be fair in their selection of different Chairs and Leadership for the Committees because every Member in this Assembly is not on his own or her own but there are those who have sent us here; the ones who have trusted their faith on us that we will deliver to them. So I stand to support the Motion and hope all will be well. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. I need just two Members on this side and we close this Motion. Mheshimiwa Kitoo for lack of remembering the other name.

**Member Mitaboni** (Hon. Philip Mutua, UDA): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to thank the Almighty God for giving me an opportunity to serve the people of Mitaboni for the second term and also thank the people of Mitaboni also for giving me another opportunity to serve them in this House. Madam Speaker and also take opportunity to thank the people of United Democratic Alliance (UDA) for selecting me to be in this Selection Committee.

Madam Speaker, I would like to tell the Members that the Members in this Selection Committee will do their best to allocate the Members in the Committees and also to say that the way I have seen the House Business Committee and also the Selection Committee in this Third Assembly, it seems that the Members are united and they are going to serve the people of Machakos. Thank you, I stand to support.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Johana.

**Member Mutituni** (Hon. Johana Munyao, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the people of Mutituni for re-electing me for the second time. Madam Speaker, I stand to support the motion on approval of a Committee on Selection. Madam Speaker, the Committee on Selection is mandated to allocate Members into various Committees and we know the Business of the House entirely depends on the business generated through the Committees.

It is therefore my humble request and prayer that as we allocate Members to the various Committees, we also consider competences because from the past experience, we have had---

*(Applause)*

We have had very dormant Committees especially where the leaders are unable to manage and lead and provide business so if we want to have a vibrant House, I would request that we be impartial in allocating membership to the Committees and also consider Hon. Members' interests and also abilities so that we are able to have a House full of wisdom, full of quality debates and a House which is going to move and possibly fulfill our mandate of offering oversight role, legislation and also representation in the right way.

So I stand to support the Motion and wish the Members who have been selected or elected to represent us in the Selection Committee all the best. May you give us the best team to propel this House to a higher level. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa Johana and now I invite the mover to reply.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka** (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I wish to again thank you more sincerely for supporting the Motion without opposition. Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** The House is adjourned to Wednesday, 28th September, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.41 a.m.